M. VENKATAKRISHNAYYA, LAKSHMIPURAM, Mysore

Dated 7th February 1929.

To
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

May it please your Highness,

I had a strong desire to speak personally to your Highness about various measures Calculated to embarrass my Highness' usefulness to your Highness' subjects. I was so unhappy that I could not get an interview about my appeal to your Highness concerning my papers. I had an interview with Sir Charles Todhunter and sent word to your Highness that if your Highness does not want me to conduct political papers, I would give them up. He told me that it would give great pleasure to your Highness if I give up political journals. I sent word to your Highness

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that I would abide by your Highness' wish and wrote to your Highness also my resolution about the matter.

I carried out that resolution from the 6th instant. Now I learn that your Highness Government mean to put the Press Law in motion against me in the course of a week or so and that my Press would be confiscated and I would be deported. I do not know whether this is true. If it is true, I am not sorry for it personally. I have a press hypothecated to the Mysore Bank and what the Mysore Government get after the demands of the Bank are satisfied is very little. If for this little, they want notoriety and the pleasure of punishing me, let them do it.

I should, however, like that your Highness should advise the Government to consider the propriety of this vindictive measure as it will injure the reputation of the Government

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to a greater extent than damage an old man with both the legs in the graves.

Sir: Mirza Sir Ismail has been saying that he will transfer Let him satisfy himself by doing his worst for me. I do not mind it. If your Highness wishes that I should leave the State, I shall do so within 24 hours notice.

It is better that I am given an opportunity to depart myself from the Mysore State privately without making any deputation appeal the reputation either of your Highness or of the Government of Mysore.

With utmost respect and esteem and with profound loyalty to your Highness I beg to remain
Your Highness most loyal and obedient Servant—

M. Venkata Krishnayya